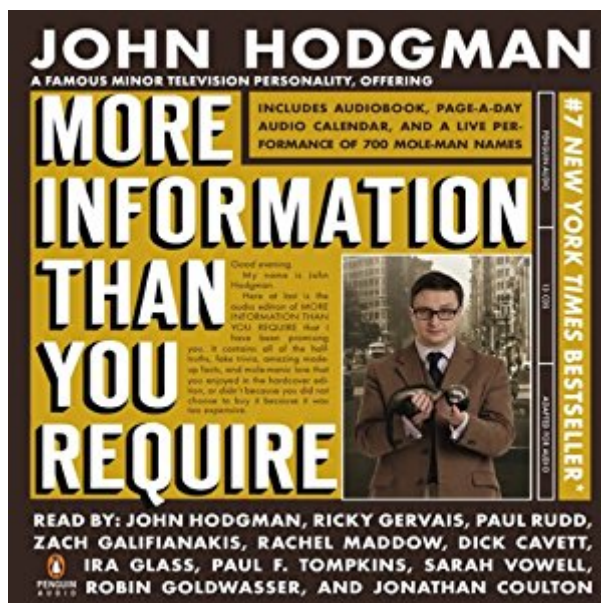


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More Information Than You Require



Synopsis

The New York Times bestseller by Famous Minor Television Personality John Hodgman "The Daily Show's "Resident Expert" and the "PC" in the iconic Apple ads" picks up exactly where his first book left off. In fact, "the new volume is in every way a continuation of *Areas of My Expertise*, except in the ways it's clearly superior." (The Onion AV Club) In 2005, John Hodgman published his first compendium of Complete World Knowledge, *The Areas of My Expertise*, a handy volume of fake trivia and made-up facts. Hodgmania was born. Virtually overnight, John Hodgman was whisked from tweedy obscurity to the high ether of minor celebrity. And from his strange new vantage point as a Famous Minor Television Personality, Hodgman realized that there is some world knowledge yet to be documented. And so he returned to exactly where he had left off—namely, page 256 of the paperback edition of *The Areas of My Expertise*. And he brought with him: **MORE INFORMATION THAN YOU REQUIRE**. Which, naturally, begins on page 257. Like its predecessor, *More Information Than You Require* consists of brief articles, overlong lists, frighteningly complex charts, and beguiling narratives on new and familiar themes such as: **THE PAST** (because there is always more of it) **THE FUTURE** (because they say there is still some left) **MOLE-MEN** (including a list of 700 Mole-man names) **GAMBLING, THE SPORT OF THE ATHSMATIC MAN** (including hermit crab racing) **CRYPTOGEOGRAPHY** (including Canada) **HOW TO BE A FAMOUS MINOR TELEVISION PERSONALITY** (Hint: Go on television) **AND NOW**, the relatively pocket-sized and inexpensive paperback edition includes even more. **MORE INFORMATION THAN YOU REQUIRE**, updated to include the very latest in implausibility. **PLUS!**: This paperback edition includes a special self-expanding fold-out edition of **THE TAXONOMY OF COMPLETE WORLD KNOWLEDGE**, which you have probably never seen before because it has been carefully hidden. **UNTIL NOW**. Look out for John Hodgman's latest book, *Vacationland*, available from Viking in Fall 2017. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

The genius of John Hodgman, both in this book and in his earlier book and in his appearances on the television's Daily Show (But not in his appearances shilling the overrated computers of a certain company) is that his expert stance is not entirely made-up. His two books show a lot of originality and a lot of mental work, which the man should be commended for, but the key here is that he uses actual facts and events as tangent points for his often laugh-out-loud points (and really self-consciously out loud not internet 'lol' -don't read this on the bus if easily embarrassed). His using real-world referents makes the book one big in-joke that you may or may not get but when it hits it is golden. A big caveat for this text though is that he is more self-indulgent than before - he gets a lot/way too much mileage out of his status as a minor television personality. In the same vein, where in the last book he was obsessed with Hobos to the point where it was distracting and he even listed some 700 hobo names, here he does the same with mole-men. Again, there is a long list of names only this time it is for mole-men. Having learned my lesson I just scanned then skipped around and then skipped entirely. I suggest you do the opposite for this book.

This book struck me as much funnier than the "prequel" the Areas of My Expertise. His tone remains droll and matter-of-fact, and the information is of the same ilk, but the subject matter (mole men are funnier and not as omnipresent as hobos) is better and he seems to have embraced the hilarity possible more fully and likely worked a little harder on getting it right. I am envious of his creativity and his ability to stretch the truth just enough to have it seem plausible while also seeming completely absurd. He had to do some homework to get it this good. The daily calendar is genius, especially the meteorologic competition between Milwaukee and Richmond. Great for a laugh at any opportunity.

Almost as good as the first and last of the trilogy, even if the mole-men don't quite capture the greatness of Elder Gods and Hobos. Once a madman, always a madman. Read this to even sort of figure out what that means.

Got this for my husband, he loves it.

I didn't enjoy this book as much as I did "The Areas of My Expertise." Maybe it's because the first book filled me with so much fake trivia that my brain can no longer handle it. Or maybe it's just because the joke is playing itself out? The real gems are the fake trivia for each date published on each page. Molemen are not better than hobos. Not any day.

If you liked the first book (as I did), you will like the second one. It's neither more of the same, nor is it so much of a departure that fans of the first book will be let down. All in all, just a funny guy with a totally unique writing style. So rest assured, if you are worried about the sophomore effort, don't be - it's as hysterically weird as the first.

I love John Hodgman's first book and was very excited to read this one but found it to be disappointing. Maybe I've become jaded to the idea of an almanac made of entirely false facts but I felt like this book was trying harder and falling flatter than the first. If you like his previous work it's probably worth it to check this out, but don't worry if you don't like it.

Another great, nonsensical book from Hodgman. Full of that strange milieu of self-effacing humor and outright lies stated convincingly as fact, the book picks up exactly where the first left off, and just continues the hilarity (although I'm pretty sure they got a "spine camera" into this book). If this is your first encounter with John Hodgman's brand of comedy I suggest that you go and get the first book and read it now. Buy them together if you wish! Or buy them separately and do not tell either book that you have read the other as it then may have a preconceived notion of what you will think of it and then will begin to have performance anxiety and then may render itself illegible. In the immortal words of the author, "That is all."

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